(b) if so, by when and what will be the time of telecast; and

(c) what is the number of episodes cleared and the number of total episodes?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) to (c) In accordance with the prescribed procedures, slotting of a TV serial is decided only after the Producer concerned makes available to Doordarshan the requisite number of episodes and the same are considered suitable for telecast by the Committee set up for the purpose. In the case of the TV serial 'Bible-Ke-Kahaniyan', the Producers have not, apart from the 'Pilot' of the programme, made available to Doordarshan any of the episodes.

The serial has been tentatively approved for 39 episodes subject to certain formalities to be completed by the Producers.

Telecast of Late Night Movies

2556. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the telecast of late night movies is being done; and

(b) if so, what are the films to be shown in the rest of the months of this year in late night series on Fridays?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A number of feature films have been offered for telecast during late nigt chunk. Decision to telecast them is taken only after receipt of good quality print and satisfactory preview report.

Telecast of the Serial Kayar on Doordarshan

2557. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATOM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the serial 'Kayar' based on Thakazhi Siva Sankara Pillai's novel is ready for telecast on Doordarshan; and

(b) if so by when it is likely to be telecast and if not what are the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) The first four episodes of the TV Serial made available to Doordarshan were in accordance with prescribed procedures, prepurviewed by the relevant committee and cleared for telecast subject to certain modifications. This Committee had also recommended that the Serial should be telecast at somewhat late in the night at about 9.50 p.m. time chunk. Accordingly, the Producer was offered this time chunk beginning from August 30,1990 for telecast of the serial but he did not accept this offer.

STD Facility to Kozhenchery Telephone Subscribers in Kerala

2558. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether STD facility is likely to be provided to Kozhenchery telepone subscribers in Kerala; and

(b) if so by when and the details of action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) By March, 1991, subject to avaiability of all equipment, steps taken:—

(i) The manual exchange at Kozhenchery has been recently replaced by an automatic one.